

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0044] with the following amended paragraph:  
[0044] The biopolymer used in the present invention is, in one sense, a polymer having so-called biocompatibility, and as a typical biopolymer is not particularly limited as long as the polymer has functions for hemostasis, prevention of adhesion, prevention of keloid, healing of wounds, closing of wounds, sealing and the like. More specifically, carboxymethyl celluloses, carboxyethyl celluloses, oxycelluloses, agaroses, chitins, chitosans, hyaluronic acids, starches, glycogens, alginates, pectins, dextrans, chondroitin ~~condroitin~~ sulfates, gelatins, collagens or the like can be employed, or one or more types of these biopolymers can be employed.